THE CLAIMS

The claims of the application, as amended, read:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for facilitating the reading of a book by holding its pages in an open position, said device including an elongate member (100) for spanning the cover of an open book (B), and two end-pieces (101, 102) which include finger portions (30) directed inwardly towards each other at opposite ends of the elongate member, wherein each of said end-pieces (101, 102) is provided with spring means (203) for urging the respective finger portion towards the elongate member to grip the pages, and a support leg (40) projecting ~~projects~~ from the elongate member (100) to angularly support the book (B) with the lower edge of the book resting on a surface and with the support leg (40) extending between the elongate member (100) and said surface, the length of said support leg being shorter than the length of the elongate member (100), in which ~~while resting on its lower edge,~~

~~*characterised in that*~~

the elongate member includes a platform (14) which projects at opposite sides of said elongate member (100) to support the cover of the book, and said support leg (40) is of elongate shape with one end joined to the elongate member by means of a slider (63) which is slidably engaged with the elongate member (100) for movement longitudinally of the elongate member such that the position of the support leg can be adjusted along the length of the elongate member, and the support leg is rotatably connected to the slider (63) for rotation about an axis (*E*) which is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the elongate member (100) and is pivotally connected to the slider (63) ~~pivotal connection means (56-59)~~ such that the support leg is angularly adjustable relative to the platform (14) about an axis (D) which is substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction of the elongate member (100).

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 1 ~~2~~ in which the elongate member (100) includes inner and outer telescopically-engaged elements (107, 108) which carry the respective end pieces (101, 102) whereby the distance between the end-pieces can be adjusted, and the support leg (40) is slidably engaged with the outer telescopically-engaged element (108).

4. (Original) A device according to Claim 1 in which said pivotal connection means (56-59) allows the support leg (40) to be angularly adjusted about a rotational axis (D) which is substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction of the elongate member (100).

5. (Original) A device according to Claim 4 in which said pivotal connection means includes a hinge projection (56) on the support leg (40) which is pivotally connected to a hinge component (57) by means of a hinge pin (58, 59).

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A device according to Claim 1 in which the support leg (40) comprises a plurality of telescopically-engaged sections (50, 51) whereby the support leg (40) may be telescopically extended.

9. (Original) A device according to Claim 1 including a mounting sleeve (80) which is arranged to receive the support leg (40) as a push fit and which is provided with means (81, 82) for releasably attaching the sleeve to a surface.

10. (Original) A device according to Claim 1 in which the support leg has an opposite end (51) from the elongate element (100) which is formed of or coated with a friction material.

11. (Original) A device according to Claim 1 in which the end pieces (101, 102) are formed as separate components which have pivotal connections (25, 201) with the elongate member (100).